



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

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April 27, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Observes the One-Year Anniversary of the April 27, 2011 Tornadoes**

WASHINGTON DC, --Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement in observance of the one-year anniversary of the tornadoes on April 27, 2011 that ravished Alabama and claimed the lives of 253 people, including 76 deaths in the 7th Congressional District:

“One year ago, we witnessed some of the strongest and most devastating tornadoes in our nation’s history. As we reflect on April 27th, we are reminded of the strength, the generosity and the hope of the human spirit that was displayed in the face of such an unimaginable tragedy. Today, we stand together as a stronger, more united and better prepared community committed to recovering, rebuilding and advancing our state. Since last year, remarkable progress has been made and I am confident that even greater progress is to come.

The strength and resilience of the families across Alabama provide a shining example of what is truly possible when communities work together. I commend the coordinated efforts of the local, state and federal level and honor the first responders who courageously answered the call to duty. We pay tribute to and honor those who have lost so much by rebuilding our community stronger and better than before.”

*Rep. Sewell assisted the state in securing more than \$245 million in federal disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), \$33.9 million of which was awarded to the 7th Congressional District of Alabama; more than \$55.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); more than \$18.5 million in assistance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA); and \$600,000 in assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to the City of Tuscaloosa.*

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April 26, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$235,543 in Funding for the University of West Alabama for STEM Education**

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that the University of West Alabama (UWA) was awarded \$235,543 from the U.S. Department of Education under the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP). This funding will be used for UWA’s Project Engage which seeks to attract and retain students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines, as well as address the shortage of minorities in professional STEM fields.

“I am pleased that the Department of Education will provide this important funding to the University of West Alabama to increase participation and reduce the attrition rate of minority students in the STEM disciplines,” said Rep. Sewell. “As a member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, I understand how vital STEM education is to safeguarding America’s global competitive edge. This funding will help UWA provide much needed resources for students who can lead this nation in innovation and technology,” added Rep. Sewell.

“We are delighted to receive these funds that will improve passage, persistence, and retention rates of students enrolled in STEM majors,” said University of West Alabama Provost David Taylor. “As a model project to assist students entering STEM professions, it will impact the quality of science and math education throughout the Black Belt Region.”

“We would like to thank Congresswoman Sewell for helping us secure these funds and for keeping the promises she made on the campaign trail,” said Livingston Mayor Thomas Tartt. “We all understand the importance of STEM education and this grant will allow the University of West Alabama to launch new initiatives and programs designed to reinforce science and mathematics in the classroom and generate interest in these critically important subjects.”

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April 24, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$3.6 Million Funding from USDA for North Choctaw County**

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) announced that North Choctaw County was awarded \$3.6 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. Approximately \$1.6 million of the funding was awarded in the form of a grant and \$2 million awarded in the form of a loan. This project funding will enable the North Choctaw Water and Sewer Authority to make vital repairs and improvements to existing water infrastructure, add interconnectivity to neighboring water systems and purchase new radio read meters and equipment.

“I am delighted that USDA will provide this vital funding to Choctaw County to help rehabilitate their existing water well system,” said Rep. Sewell. “This community was in dire need of immediate funding for a new well and water lines after the recent collapse of an outdated water infrastructure that left families without access to clean water earlier this year,” Rep. Sewell added. It is critically important that families have access to quality, clean and safe water. This funding will stimulate economic growth through job creation and infrastructure development, while helping improve the quality of life for families in the North Choctaw community.”

In immediate response to the water infrastructure collapse, Congresswoman Sewell met with top officials at USDA and submitted a letter of support for the North Choctaw Water and Sewer Authority application to the USDA Rural Development requesting emergency assistance. Congresswoman Sewell remained in constant contact with USDA officials throughout the application process advocating the importance of providing funding for immediate relief to North Choctaw County.

“We are thankful to Congresswoman Sewell for her hard work in helping us secure these resources. The health and well-being of Alabamians and the people of Choctaw County will be ensured through the upgrades and investments we can now make in our water systems,” said Lisman Mayor Thomas Jackson. “These much needed funds will help improve our water and sanitation system and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Choctaw County.”

“We can’t thank Congresswoman Sewell enough for promptly addressing the needs and concerns of the people of Choctaw County. Interruptions in service and an unreliable water supply have

been an issue of concern for our citizens for over two years, but with these funds we will now be able to deliver quality and affordable services to the people of Choctaw County,” said Choctaw County Commissioner Willie Horn. “These funds mean that Choctaw County can now afford to purchase its own water well, which will make us less dependent on surrounding counties and better prepare us for emergencies. I have been praying, hoping and working for this breakthrough moment we desperately needed.”

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April 24, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces Winners of 2012 Congressional Art Competition**

Washington, DC – On Saturday April 21, 2012, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) hosted the annual Congressional Art Competition for the 7th district at the Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. The competition was open to all high school students (grades 9-12) in Alabama’s 7th Congressional District and offered the winning participant the opportunity to have their artwork show cased in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year.

The 2012 Congressional Art Competition winner is **Jessica Johnson**, a senior from Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, AL.

The other students that placed were:

1st Runner Up - **Ke’Shuntae Tapping**, a sophomore from Minor High School in Birmingham, AL.

2nd Runner Up - **Christina Burroughs**, a senior from Thomasville High School in Thomasville, AL.

Rep. Sewell offered the following statement: “I was so impressed with artwork that was submitted this year. The 7th Congressional District is full of so many talented and outstanding students who represent the leaders of tomorrow. I believe it is critically important to cultivate the imagination and creativity of our young people through the arts. I am proud to sponsor this competition and I am looking forward to displaying the amazing talent in this district.”

This year’s competition had a total of 23 pieces of art submitted by students from across the 7th Congressional District. The competition was divided into three regions. Region One was comprised of schools in Jefferson County. Region Two consisted of schools from Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Greene, Hale, Perry and Sumter Counties. Region Three was made of schools from Dallas, Wilcox, Clarke, Marengo and Choctaw Counties.

**Jessica Johnson**, a senior at Paul Bryant High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, entitled her winning piece “Time.”

Miss Johnson’s artwork will be on display in the U.S. Capitol building for one year and she will receive two round trip tickets to Washington, DC to attend the National Congressional Art Competition Reception on June 20, 2012.

Second place was awarded to **Ke'Shuntae Tapping**, a sophomore at Minor High School in Birmingham, Alabama for her piece "UnModern Steel." Third place was awarded to **Christina Burroughs**, a senior at Thomasville High School in Thomasville, Alabama for her piece "The Lively Museum."

"I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the overall winner and all the regional participants of the competition," said Rep. Sewell.

In addition to the top three winners, several students received regional awards for their artwork, including:

**Cinnamon Callins**, George Washington Carver High School, Birmingham, AL

**Alexis Breeding**, Centerpoint High School, Centerpoint, AL

**Vincent Marino**, Capitol School, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Alyson Smith**, Tuscaloosa Christian School, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Tangie Powell**, Thomasville High School, Thomasville, AL

**Dalvin McGraw**, Wilcox County High School, Camden, AL

*Each year since 1982, Congressional offices across the Nation have participated in the Congressional Art Competition which is sponsored by the Congressional Institute. The competition provides an opportunity for Members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents.*

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April 20, 2012

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.8 Million in Funding for Demopolis Municipal Airport**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-7) announced that \$1.8 million was awarded to the Demopolis Municipal Airport in Alabama to update and rehabilitate the existing runways at Demopolis Municipal Airport. The U.S. Department of Transportation funds were awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

“This funding will improve the existing runways and enhance safety at Demopolis Municipal Airport, which will allow them to manage more traffic and attract new businesses,” said Rep. Sewell. “When new businesses are attracted, jobs are created and more goods are transported across the country. These are the types of funding opportunities that will make the State of Alabama and the 7th Congressional District stronger.”

“We are excited that this grant will allow us to resurface our primary runway and help to ensure that the Demopolis Municipal Airport is in good shape through the next decade,” said Airport Manager Julian Sawyer. “These upgrades and improvements will help the Demopolis Intermodal Complex and the Airport Industrial Park have access to the support facilities they need. Moving forward, we are confident that the Demopolis Airport will be able to increase business and serve more customers.”

“We would like to express our gratitude to Congresswoman Sewell for her continued support,” said Demopolis Mayor J. Michael Grayson. “This funding is important to the citizens of Demopolis and surrounding communities. We look forward to the opportunities that this grant will create for this city, county and state.”

According to the project description, this grant will help rehabilitate existing distressed runway pavement and remove obstructions in runway approach and transitional surfaces.

The Demopolis Municipal Airport is a general aviation airport located six miles southwest of the central business district of Demopolis, a city in Marengo County, Alabama.

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April 19, 2012

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell After Joining University of Alabama Football Team for BCS Championship Celebration at the White House**

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (AL-07) released the following statement after joining the University of Alabama football team at the White House to celebrate their 2011 BCS National Championship:

“Today I was delighted to join the Alabama Crimson Tide football team as we celebrated our 2011 BCS National Championship at the White House. For the second time in three years, the crystal trophy calls the 7th Congressional District of Alabama home. We are so proud of Coach Nick Saban, his coaching staff, and all of the players for their hard work and dedication that made this victory possible.

This championship represents a unifying victory for the State of Alabama and shows the resilient spirit of Alabamians after the tragedy of the April tornadoes.

We look forward to next season and the quest for another national title. Roll Tide!!”

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## Recent Grant Awards

- **April 25, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$235,543 in Funding for the University of West Alabama for STEM Education
- **April 24, 2012** – Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell announces \$3.6 Million in Funding for North Choctaw County Water Authority from the USDA
- **April 20, 2012** - Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Announces \$1.8 Million in Funding for Demopolis Municipal Airport awarded from the FAA
- **April 18, 2012** - UAB is awarded \$250,581.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 18, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$244,304.00.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 18, 2012** - UAB awarded \$262,011.00 for English Language Acquisition: Nat'l Professional Dev Program by the Department of Education
- **April 12, 2012** - UAB awarded \$67 million dollars to set up a national network to research the best practices for dental care from the National Institute of Health
- **April 11, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$296,378.00 for Cancer Research from NIH
- **April 10, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$128, 116 for Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skin Disease research.
- **April 9, 2012** – UAB is awarded \$362,588 from the National Heart, Blood and Lung Institute for research through NIH.
- **April 3, 2012** – UAB awarded \$11,625 for the UAB Deep South Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Certs from DHHS.
- **March 29, 2012** - Whatley Health Services is awarded \$404, 249 for continuation grant through HHS for the Ryan White Part C Outpatient EIS Program.
- **March 15, 2012** - UAB is awarded \$389,939.00 for Rural Breast Cancer Survivors Intervention by NIH.

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- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

**Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program:** **NEW - Farmer's Market Promotion Program**

**Description:** The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces the availability of approximately \$10 million in competitive grant funds for fiscal year (FY) 2012 to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities include new farmers markets, roadside stands, community supported agriculture (CSA) programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer infrastructures. The deadline is May 21, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMsv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5097799&acct=fmp>  
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**Program:** **NEW - Farm to School Grant Program**

**Description:** The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) amended Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) to establish a Farm to School program in order to assist eligible entities, through grants and technical assistance, in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=b0ncPQ0C2v3QQsnrpnXPs231C11nyhHT8WTjG6WR1MQNX7srQp5D!582005965?oppId=164913&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)**

**Description:** Qualified private, nonprofit and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs will be eligible to receive the funding. The intermediary must provide a program of financial and technical assistance to a private nonprofit, community-based housing and development organization, a low-income rural community or a federally recognized tribe. The deadline is May 9, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=pXsfPrsS1kvLj072yNg29TJLP4IGDhkCsyHpnJCYLj0zljB65vQr!-916096435?oppId=157274&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Program:** **FY 2012 Disaster Relief Opportunity**

**Description:** Through this Disaster Relief Opportunity, EDA intends to award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress as a result of natural disasters that were declared as major Federal disasters between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications for Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) investments under PWEDA. The EAA program provides recipients with flexible tools to develop and implement regionally based long term economic development strategies in response to major federally declared disasters. The EAA program provides a wide range of technical, disaster recovery, economic recovery planning, and public works assistance. It responds adaptively to pressing economic recovery issues and is well-suited to help address challenges faced by regions affected by natural disasters. Through this program, EDA can support the development of disaster recovery strategies and recovery implementation, including infrastructure improvements and by using revolving loan funds (RLFs). The deadline is March 27, 2015.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=td13PzLK6gJdBqwnMjvpjLHLpthW6491WK2FHGwKtGRMphNbRQYh!-213555334?oppId=159393&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge**

**Description:** The Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge offers a combination of \$15 million in funding from 4 agencies, including the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Delta Regional Authority. Funding will be awarded in approximately 20 regions through a competitive inter-agency grant process. This opportunity will support customized solutions targeted to address the gaps and opportunities specific for individual regions by strengthening linkages to self-identified, high-potential industry clusters such as renewable energy, natural resources, food production, rural tourism, and advanced manufacturing. The deadline is May 9, 2012.

**Websites:**

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RuralJobsAcceleratorWebinar.html>

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Zzb9PhYRvYmXF9G5P5qCC5F7Ft1J8bmnYyMt9n8G7LR9j7Y5p2pL!712472910?oppId=150574&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** **NEW - Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE): Small, Rural School Achievement Program CFDA Number 84358A**

**Description:** Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) program, CFDA: Number: 84.358A, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. The deadline is May 31, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7jF9PZ2bv4hZ8PhhhtZ12MypLG5QOLKxIMXGcDgjQRZLqqDshwn1!-992301837?oppId=166533&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Promise Neighborhoods Program--Planning Grant Competition**

**Description:** Supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the State and local levels and to help all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards. The deadline is 7/27/2012.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/246>

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**Program:** **NEW - Promise Neighborhoods Program--Implementation Grant Competition**

**Description:** Supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the State and local levels

and to help all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards. The deadline is 7/27/2012.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/245>

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**Program:** **NEW -Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs**

**Description:** The purpose of the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling Programs is to support efforts by local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish or expand elementary school and secondary school counseling programs. The deadline is May 25, 2012.

**Websites:**

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-10/html/2012-8616.htm>

<http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Federal/243>

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## **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

**Program:** **NEW – AdoptUSKids**

**Description:** AdoptUSKids will: Provide training and technical assistance to States and Tribes regarding the recruitment, including interjurisdictional recruitment, of foster and adoptive families for children who require these services. The deadline is June 25, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7jF9PZ2bv4hZ8PhhhtZ12MypLG5Q0LKxlMXGcDgjQRZLqqDshwn1!-992301837?oppId=167294&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration**



**Description:** The purpose of this program is to establish projects for the provision of coordinated and integrated services through the co-location of primary and specialty care medical services in community-based mental and behavioral health settings. The deadline is June 8, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7jF9PZ2bv4hZ8PhhhtZ12MypLG5Q0LKxlMXGcDgjQRZLqgDshwn1!-992301837?oppId=167633&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Scholarship Program**

**Description:** FY12 Announcement of the Availability of Funds and Request for Applications for a Cooperative Agreement for a Project Titled Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Education and Training. The deadline is June 11, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7jF9PZ2bv4hZ8PhhhtZ12MypLG5Q0LKxlMXGcDgjQRZLqgDshwn1!-992301837?oppId=166693&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW-Teen Court Program**

**Description:** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2012 Teen Court Program grants (TCP). The purpose of this program is to provide substance abuse treatment services and related recovery support services to youth with substance abuse and/or co-occurring treatment needs involved in a teen court program. The deadline is May 30, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=b0ncPQ0C2v3QQsnrpnXPs231C11nyhHT8WTjG6WR1MQNX7srQp5D!582005965?oppId=164853&mode=VIEW>

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## U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

**Program:** **Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants**

**Description:** The Section 4 capacity building program enhances the capacity and ability of community development corporations (CDCs) and community housing development organizations (CHDOs) to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low-income families. The deadline is May 14, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=4TsCPH2PmGQPBKSkK1rWqySNmRfIYNK1SjN1Qqpwb6Rpq2GsGNw2!-185691961?oppId=164233&mode=VIEW>

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## U.S. Department of Justice

**Program:** **NEW - BJA FY 12 Adult Drug Court Planning, Training, Technical Assistance, and Resource Center Initiatives**

**Description:** The purpose of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidenced-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders. The deadline is June 14, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7jF9PZ2bv4hZ8PhhhtZ12MypLG5Q0LKx1MXGcDgjQRZLqqDshwn1!-992301837?oppId=166413&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

**Description:** JAG is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of

the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. The deadline is May 14, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/1837331-Federal-JAG-Grant-Program/>

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## **U.S. Department of State**

**Program:** **NEW - Professional Fellows Empower Programs**

**Description:** The Professional Fellows Division in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' Office of Citizen Exchanges invites proposal submissions for one of three separate programs: the Empower Community Program, the Empower Access Program, and the Empower Partnership Program. Programs described in this RFGP support professional exchanges between the people of the United States and their counterparts in other countries who work to provide services and support to persons with disabilities and the communities in which they live.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=7jF9PZ2bv4hZ8PhhhtZ12MypLG5Q0LKxIMXGcDgjQRZLqqDshwn1!-992301837?oppId=167573&mode=VIEW>

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## **Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:** **NEW - National Alliance for Accessible Golf Accepting Grant Applications for Programs Serving Individuals With Disabilities**

**Description:** Through a grant from the United States Golf Association, the National Alliance for Accessible Golf is expanding its efforts to provide financial assistance and resources to help make the game of golf more accessible to people with disabilities. With funding

from the USGA, the alliance will administer the grant-application process for organizations providing golf programs for individuals with disabilities.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=377200042](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=377200042)

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**Program:** **NEW - Cooking Matters**

**Description:** Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters teaches families at risk of hunger how to get more food for their money and better nourishment from those foods as part of the No Kid Hungry campaign to end childhood hunger in America. Chefs and nutrition educators volunteer to lead six-week cooking and nutrition courses and hour-long Shopping Matters grocery store tours where participants learn how to select nutritious and low-cost ingredients and prepare them in delicious and healthy ways. Cooking Matters is nationally sponsored by the ConAgra Foods® Foundation and Walmart. The deadline is June 8, 2012.

**Website:**

[https://secure.strength.org/site/SPageNavigator/SOS/SOS\\_ofl\\_shoppingmatters\\_grants](https://secure.strength.org/site/SPageNavigator/SOS/SOS_ofl_shoppingmatters_grants)

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**Program:** **NEW - Child Welfare Foundation Grants**

**Description:** Grants must have the potential of helping American children in a large geographic area (more than one state).

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/247>

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**Program:** **NEW - Creative Capital | Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Program Open for Submissions**

**Description:** The Creative Capital | Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Program provides grants directly to individual writers whose work addresses contemporary visual art. The grant program is

spearheaded by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts as part of its broader Arts Writing Initiative and is administered by Creative Capital. The deadline is June 12, 2012.

**Website:** [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=377400021](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=377400021)

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**Program:** **NEW - American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Offers Support for Programs to Help Children**

**Description:** The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation seeks to provide other nonprofit organizations with the means to educate the public about the special needs of children across the United States. To help advance its mission, the foundation annually provides funding to nonprofit organizations that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and/or programs designed to benefit youth.

**Website:**  
[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=376600023](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=376600023)

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**Program:** **NEW - Youth Service America and State Farm Invite Applications for Good Neighbor Student Achievement Grants**

**Description:** State Farm has teamed up with Youth Service America to offer grants of up to \$1,000 for programs that enhance student achievement through service-learning in K-12 public schools in the United States or the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick. Each grant will engage participating teachers and students in a service and learning program that promotes academic achievement, workplace readiness, and stronger communities. The grant requires a twelve- to fourteen-week semester of service.

**Website:** [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=377200040](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=377200040)

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## Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / LOANS/ INTERNSHIPS

### **Women's Sports Foundation Accepting Applications for College Scholarship to Support Female Athletes**

The Women's Sports Foundation is accepting applications for the Linda Riddle/SGMA Endowed Scholarship. The program's goal is to provide young female athletes of limited financial means the opportunity to continue to pursue their sport in addition to their college studies.

**Website:** [http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml?id=377100035](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml?id=377100035)

### **Legacy's Scholarship Program -Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships**

Legacy's Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to Alabama students who are pursuing environmentally related careers. Students who are of at least junior standing are encouraged to apply. If you are planning to make a difference in Alabama's environment when you complete your studies, don't miss this chance to secure financial assistance for tuition and books. Undergraduate students are eligible for up to \$1,500 and graduate students are eligible for up to \$2,000. 2012 Scholarship Application - Application postmark deadline is May 4, 2012

**Website:** <http://legacynevad.org/index.php/grants-and-scholarships/17-college-scholarships/10-undergraduate-and-graduate-scholarships>

### **Student Aid Programs**

**Website:** <http://www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAsst/Programs.htm>

### **Scholarship Experts**

**Website:** <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

### **200 Free Scholarships For Minorities**

**Website:** <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

### **G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program**

**Website:** <http://www.va.state.al.us/scholarship.htm>

### **College Scholarships.org**

**Website:** <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

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### **Alabama Scholarships**

**Website:** <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/alabama-scholarships/>

### **Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

**Website:** <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

### **Fast Web**

**Website:** <http://www.fastweb.com/>

### **Merit Aid**

<http://www.meritaid.com/meritScholarships/Alabama-State-University-100724>

### **Alabama College Money For Military Members and Dependents**

If you are a child or spouse of an eligible Alabama veterans, there might be money for tuition, fees and books waiting for you. The GI Dependents' Educational Benefit Program is for students attending Alabama public institutions of higher education. For more information or an application, call (334) 242-5077 or request a form from the Alabama State Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1509, Montgomery, AL 36102-1509.

### **Alabama's Scholarship and Grant Programs**

**Website:** <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

### **Alabama Student Grant Program (ASGP)**

This is a state program that offers grants of approximately \$360 per year to full-time undergraduate students who are legal residents of Alabama who are attending approved independent colleges or universities within the state of Alabama.

**Website:** <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

### **CBC Spouses Education Scholarship**

This scholarship fund was established in response to federal cuts in spending for education programs and scholarships. This is the foundation's first educational program. The CBC Spouses Educational Scholarship is a national program that awards scholarships to academically talented and highly motivated students who intend to pursue full-time undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees. Recipients for this program are selected through volunteers in the district offices of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). CBC Members work through local scholarship committees to award money to academically talented and highly motivated students.

**Deadline: May 31, 2012**

### **CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship**

This scholarship program focusing on health was established in 1998 as the CBC partnered with the naming sponsor, General Mills, to increase the number of minority students pursuing degrees in the fields of medicine, engineering, technology, nutrition and other health-related professions. Since the inception of the program, General Mills has invested more than \$1,000,000 to underwrite this initiative. The CBC Spouses Cheerios Brand Health Initiative Scholarship has served hundreds of students over the years, and has helped to create leaders in the medical and health related fields.

**Deadline: May 31, 2012**

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## **Section V RESOURCES**

### **Farm Service Agency (FSA)**

FSA makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership (FO) and operating loans (OL) to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed,

seed, and supplies. Our loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

Website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=landing>

## **FEMA CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY**

### **SEVERE WEATHER - KNOW YOUR RISK, TAKE ACTION, BE A FORCE OF NATURE**

*FEMA, NOAA launch first National Severe Weather Preparedness Week April 22-28*

As the nation marks the first anniversary of one of the largest tornado outbreaks in U.S. history, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are teaming up this week to save lives from severe weather.

The two agencies encourage the public to "know your risk, take action, and be a force of nature" by taking proactive preparedness measures and inspiring others to do the same. Last April, tornadoes raked the central and southern United States, spawning more than 300 tornadoes and claiming hundreds of lives. That devastating, historic outbreak was only one of many weather-related tragedies in 2011, which now holds the record for the greatest number of multi-billion dollar weather disasters in the nation's history.

The country has already experienced early and destructive tornado outbreaks in the Midwest and South this year over the last two months, including a significant number of tornadoes last weekend. May is the peak season for tornadoes, so it is important to take action now. "The damaging tornadoes that struck this year, causing widespread devastation as well as loss of life, also spurred many amazing and heroic survival stories," said NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D. "In every one of these stories, people heard the warning, understood a weather hazard was imminent and took immediate action. We can build a Weather-Ready Nation by empowering people with the information they need to take preparedness actions across the country." "One of the lessons we can take away from the recent tornado outbreaks is that severe weather can happen anytime, anywhere," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "While we can't control where or when it might hit, we can take steps in advance to prepare and that's why we are asking people to pledge to prepare, and share with others so they will do the same."

To "be a force of nature," FEMA and NOAA encourage citizens to prepare for extreme weather by following these guidelines:

- *Know your risk:* The first step to becoming weather-ready is to understand the type of hazardous weather that can affect where you live and work, and how the weather could impact you and your family. Check the [weather forecast](#) regularly and sign up for alerts from your local emergency management officials. Severe weather comes in many forms and your shelter plan should include all types of local hazards.
- *Take action:* [Pledge](#) to develop an [emergency plan](#) based on your local weather hazards and practice how and where to take shelter. Create or refresh an [emergency kit](#) for needed food, supplies and medication. Post your plan where visitors can see it. Learn what you



can do to strengthen your home or business against severe weather. Obtain a [NOAA Weather Radio](#). Download FEMA's mobile app so you can access important safety tips on what to do before and during severe weather. Understand the weather warning system and become a [certified storm spotter](#) through the National Weather Service.

- *Be a force of nature:* Once you have taken action, tell your family, friends, school staff and co-workers about how they can prepare. Share the resources and alert systems you discovered with your social media network. Studies show individuals need to receive messages a number of ways before acting - and you can be one of those sources. When you go to shelter during a warning, send a text, tweet or post a status update so your friends and family know. You might just save their lives, too. For more information on how you can participate, visit [www.ready.gov/severeweather](http://www.ready.gov/severeweather)

### **Alabama Black Belt 2012 Health Services Outreach**

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) - Department of Defense (DoD) Partnership, Alabama Black Belt 2012 Health Services Outreach will take place in Selma, Demopolis, and Hayneville, Alabama, May 1 – 10, 2012. Residents may access free health services the joint military team will provide during Alabama Black Belt 2012 Health Services Outreach. Basic medical care (health assessments and screenings), dentistry, and optometry will be provided free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis from 8 AM to 7 PM daily, including Saturday and Sunday.

Locate Your Location Contact Person for Additional Information:

Demopolis – Old Cap Factory Building; 918 South Cedar Avenue -Mike Baker; 334-289-3879;

Hayneville – Town Hall 133 West Lafayette Street- Robert Daniels, Manager; 334-548-2028

Selma – Water Street, Historic Downtown Selma -Henry Thompson, Compliance Officer; 334-289-0677;

### **Dun & Bradstreet (D-U-N-S®) Number**

To apply for a federal grant program, you will need to apply for a D-U-N-S® number. The Federal government uses the D-U-N-S® number to identify organizations that are applying for grant funding and to provide consistent name and address data for electronic grant applications. D-U-N-S® numbers are issued by the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation. To apply for a D-U-N-S® number for your organization, complete the online application at: [www.dnb.com](http://www.dnb.com)

### **About PoliceGrantsHelp.com**

PoliceGrantsHelp.com provides members of the first responder community with a comprehensive resource for Police Grants information and assistance. PoliceGrantsHelp.com features the most extensive law enforcement grant database ever created, with a library of information not only for federal grant programs, but also state, local and corporate grant opportunities. Need help writing grants to purchase equipment for your department or agency? Let PoliceGrantsHelp's grant experts assist you.

**Website:** <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants101/>

**Alabama Open Grants:** <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/byState/23/>

### **Community Action Agencies of Alabama**

**Website:**

<http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/CSBG/Document%20Library/Copy%20of%20Community%20Action%20Agency%20List0409.pdf>

**Website:** [http://www.caaalabama.org/agency\\_finder.php](http://www.caaalabama.org/agency_finder.php)

### **Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund**

**Website:** <http://www.hardesthitlabama.com/>

### **AlabamaSAVEEnergy Revolving Loan Fund**

Energy Upgrade Loans Now Available for Smaller Alabama Businesses - More Alabama businesses will have the chance to make upgrades that will save energy, reduce expenses and boost employment opportunities. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements.

**Website:**

<http://www.alabamasaves.com/AlabamaSAVES-Brochure.pdf>

[www.AlabamaSAVES.com](http://www.AlabamaSAVES.com)

## **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA**

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments  
P.O. Box 2603  
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662  
Phone: 256.389.0500  
Fax: 256.389.0599  
Executive Director: Keith Jones  
Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission  
4200 Highway 69 North  
Northport, Alabama 35473-3505  
Phone: 205.333.2990  
Fax: 205.333.2713  
Executive Director: Robert B. Lake  
Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham  
1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Phone: 205.251.8139  
Fax: 205.328.3304  
Executive Director: Charles Ball  
Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 2186  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Phone: 256.237.6741  
Fax: 256.237.6763  
Executive Director: Bill Curtis  
Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission  
5900 Carmichael Place  
Montgomery, Alabama 36117  
Phone: 334.244.6903  
Fax: 334.270.0038  
Executive Director: Tyson Howard  
Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission  
107 Broad Street  
Camden, Alabama 36726  
Phone: 334.682.4234  
Fax: 334.682.4205  
Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs  
Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission  
P.O. Box 1406  
Dothan, Alabama 36302  
Phone: 334.794.4093  
Fax: 334.794.3288  
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon  
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpdc/searpdc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 1665  
Mobile, Alabama 36633  
Phone: 251.433.6541  
Fax: 251.433.6009  
Executive Director: Russ Wimberly  
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission  
125 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Phone: 334.262.4300  
Fax: 334.262.6976  
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments  
2207 Gateway Drive  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
Phone: 334.749.5264  
Fax: 334.749.6582  
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette  
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
P.O. Box C  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
Phone: 256.355.4515  
Fax: 256.351.1380  
Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews  
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
5075 Research Drive, NW  
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912  
Phone: 256.830.0818  
Fax: 256.830.0843  
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver  
Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA**

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223

Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County  
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, AL 36601  
Phone: 251-438-5591  
Contact: Linnette Clausman  
Website: [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com)

Black Belt Community Foundation  
609 Lauderdale Street  
Selma, AL 36701-4555  
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131  
Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director  
Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation  
P.O. Box 87  
Brewton, AL 36427  
Phone: (251) 867-4881  
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama  
P. O. Box 36202  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161  
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO  
Email: [etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
For general information: [info@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:info@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.eccinfo.org](http://www.eccinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham  
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576  
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President  
Email: [kn Nielsen@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:kn Nielsen@foundationbirmingham.org)  
For general information: [info@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:info@foundationbirmingham.org)  
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur  
P.O. Box 2003  
Decatur, AL 35602  
Phone: 256-353-5312  
Contact: Arthur W. Orr  
Website: [www.cfogd.org](http://www.cfogd.org)

The Community Foundation of Huntsville  
659 Gallatin Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Phone: 256-564-7430  
Contact: Lynne Berry, President  
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 578  
Athens, AL 35612  
Phone: 256-232-4200  
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation  
635 West College Street  
Florence, AL 35630  
Phone: 256-764-3431  
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation  
Shelby Baptist Medical Center  
1000 First Street N.  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737  
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990

251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax  
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer  
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 1422  
Dothan, AL 36302-1422  
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

Community Foundation of West Alabama  
P.O. Box 3033  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813  
Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director  
E-mail: [CFOWA@bellsouth.net](mailto:CFOWA@bellsouth.net)  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>